

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Not only that, it is direct electioneering by a corporate media giant, which is against federal election law.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get what entrenched power decides we should have, law or no law. Sinclair's unprecedented move shows that they have no respect for our democracy, our laws, or the American people.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process should be a stringent evaluation of service in the public interest and not just a returned post card.